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Secretary of State funds new grant projects

Secretary of State Matt Blunt has approved seven grants under two pilot programs developed by the State Library: English as a Second Language Conversation Partners and After School Connections. Both programs are funded through the federal Library Services and Technology Act.

ESL Conversation Partners provide an opportunity for non-English-speaking individuals to practice their new language skills in a public library with an English-speaking native U.S. citizen. This program complements formal English classes and enables speakers with some English competence to expand their conversational skills. Libraries receiving grants include:

▼ **Kansas City Public Library**—\$5,200

The library will establish an evening Wednesday Conversation Club with an accompanying Kids Club at the Northeast Branch. Staff will coordinate the project with two established agencies that offer social services and formal English classes.

▼ **St. Louis County Library**—\$2,813

This project will offer small conversation groups at the Thornhill Branch with one volunteer on site during the groups to provide one-to-one service to participants. A youth services activity will run concurrently with the group. The library also will use local funds or in-kind contribution for a project coordinator. Staff will cooperate with the area AEL (adult education and literacy) program in the area.

▼ **St. Louis Public Library**—\$17,880

The library will institute conversation groups at five branches that are located in neighborhoods with ethnic populations. Groups will be accompanied by a children's activity. They will meet at different times to accommodate different work schedules, but

will meet at least twice a week. Branch staffs will work with the International Institute, a well-respected organization that serves as a clearinghouse for ESL efforts in the St. Louis area. A volunteer coordinator will oversee all groups.

After School Connections grants enable public libraries to offer after-school experiences for young people in grades four through eight who do not traditionally use the library. Projects will help students develop their reading skills, introduce library services and stimulate their use, and present opportunities for positive interactions with their peers and adults. Grant recipients are:

▼ **Richmond Heights Memorial Library: After School Cyber Cafe**—\$5,000

This 10-week project will provide instruction in the use of library technology for both individuals and groups at an After School Cyber Cafe, to be open from 4 to 7 PM, Monday through Friday. It will be overseen by an education major from a local college. At-risk youth will be targeted for inclusion in the project as well as to serve on a panel to plan the direction of instruction.

▼ **St. Louis Public Library: Computer Club**—\$5,300

This project will focus on encouraging and promoting the use of library technology and providing homework help for at-risk, middle school youth. Participants will receive instruction on computer use and gain hands-on experience with instruction from homework helpers and instructors who live in the neighborhoods where classes are offered, at the Buder Branch and at the Central Library.

▼ **Sedalia Public Library: Kids**

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Connecting at the Library—\$500

The library will target this project toward fourth- and fifth-graders from the town's African-American community, many of whom are unable to easily use the library's services. Four programs will be centered around a sports theme and will include reading enrichment activities and a presentation featuring a local sports figure. Participants will be encouraged to read and present book talks, and basic instruction will be given on the use of the library catalog and locating materials on the shelves. Transportation will be provided for participants.

▼ **Springfield-Greene County Library: Amazing Library Puppeteer Troup—\$5,474**

This project will use the Midtown Carnegie Branch and the Kearney Branch as creative learning and performing centers for elementary and middle school students who live in the most economically depressed areas in the city. Students will learn to use the library as they do research and write a script they will be instructed by a professional puppeteer, and they will make puppets and perform a puppet program for friends and family.

Governor's budget includes funds for libraries

Following are key items in Governor Holden's recommendations for funding the services of Missouri's libraries:

- ◆ State Aid to Public Libraries—a \$484,081 amount as recommended by Secretary of State Matt Blunt to accomplish what the General Assembly intended last year. This would fund public libraries at 55 cents per capita using the 2000 census figures, provide equalization funding as intended for FY02, and includes funds for a new library in Worth County.
- ◆ Core funding for the REAL project at the current level.

- ◆ \$50,000 for a scholarship program as recommended by Secretary Blunt to address critical shortages of librarians.
- ◆ \$571,366 additional funding for MO-BIUS to better fund the state's share of the operational budget.

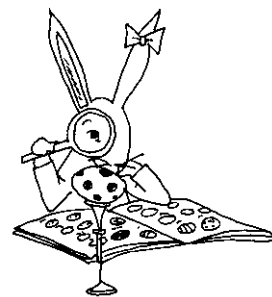
The Governor did not recommend any funding from the Out-of-state Athletes and Entertainers Tax for the cultural partners, which includes the Library Networking Fund. This is a core reduction.

State Library issues 2002 summer program kits

The State Library has mailed "start-up" kits to all Missouri public libraries for their children's and teen summer programs. The kits contain posters, bookmarks, clip art, certificates, reading lists, and a program manual. For children, the 2002 program theme is "Mysterious Summer," and for teens, "Book Your Summer."

M. Sarah Klise of Berkeley, California, created the art for "Mysterious Summer." A children's book illustrator and designer, she has been nominated for book awards in 15 states. Her books include *Regarding the Fountain*, *Letters from Camp*, and *Trial by Journal*. She collaborates with her sister, Kate Klise, a Missouri author.

Joe Bill Breeden of Lee's Summit designed the teen summer program poster and related art. He does mural work for both private and commercial clients, designs and builds special exhibits for the Kansas City Zoological Gardens and theatrical stage sets for local theatres, and even had a cow, "Moody Blue," in last summer's Cowparade in Kansas City. A voracious reader, Breeden takes particular pride in helping to promote the joy of reading to Missouri's young people.



Missouri library personnel receive training at Gates Foundation

Six Missourians traveled to Seattle for a special training session at the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, January 7-8, 2002.

Representing the State Library were Barbara Reading, Li-

brary Development director; Carol Amos, automation and technology consultant; Patrice Vale, continuing education consultant; and Heather Peugh, statewide and community partnerships consultant. Also attending were Jeanne Sullivan, MOREnet program manager, and Tracy Byerly, Missouri Library Network Corporation user services manager.

The two-day session was divided into a variety of topics including an overview of the Gates Foundation, the Gates Library Computer, and the content server; an overview of logistics support, network deployment, publications, training curriculum, program training, and technical support; and a sustainability roundtable. State Library personnel were given the opportunity to ask questions and to provide input regarding Missouri's involvement in the grant program. Gates Foundation U.S. Library Program officer Mary Ann Nunns discussed the upcoming State Library training grant opportunity and phases of the program.

Each session was directed and implemented by a specialized member of the foundation's staff. For example, the session titled "Overview of Logistics" was hosted by Debbie Potter, Missouri's logistics coordinator. Gates staff members detailed their roles within the U.S. Library Grant Program and gave an overview of their respon-

sibilities and departmental objectives. Missouri's Gates Library Computer Lab recipients attended technology and training strategies classes at the Gates Foundation, January 7-10. The foundation funded travel



Peggy Northcraft (left) and Sheila Dennehy put together new computers donated to the Hannibal Free Public Library from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. The library received four new computers through the foundation's U.S. Library Program.

and lodging expenses for two members from each of the libraries housing a lab to attend hands-on training with the Gates Library Computers and to learn practical methods for computer skills instruction. Gates Labs in Missouri include Bonne Terre Memorial Library, Camden County Library, Daviess

County Library, Keller Library of Dexter, Little Dixie Regional Libraries, Nevada Public Library, and West Plains Public Library.

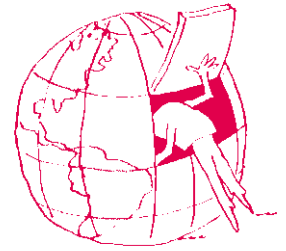
Eligible libraries with a service population above 100,000 and two additional MOREnet staff members attended information technology and training strategies classes, January 14-17.

State Librarian joins homeland security committee

Missouri State Librarian Sara Parker has been named to the Public Awareness, Public-Private Partnerships Committee of the Missouri Security Panel, a group concerned with homeland security.

Governor Holden formed a 34-member Missouri Security Panel in the aftermath of the September 11 terrorist attacks to assess the state's readiness for dealing with threats

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Web Watch

Missouri Economic Research & Information Center

<http://www.ded.state.mo.us/research>

Produced by the Missouri Department of Economic Development, this site includes Missouri facts and figures, occupational information, the top 50 employers in Missouri, the top five Fortune 500 companies with headquarters in Missouri, quarterly cost of living in Missouri, gross state products, exports, and economic indicators such as income and wages and current unemployment statistics. An excellent source for quick reference.

Office of Homeland Security

<http://www.whitehouse.gov/homeland>

Find out the responsibilities of the newly created office and learn about its current activities and the latest homeland security developments; includes fact sheets and links to related activities of other federal agencies.

LVA and Laubach merge operations

The Literacy Volunteers of America (LVA) and Laubach Literacy signed a memorandum of understanding last May to combine current operations and unify the volunteer literacy movement. The merged literacy organization will be headquartered in Syracuse, New York, and became operational at the beginning of 2002. A new name for the organizations will be announced later in the year and will be developed by the marketing firm DSW Partnerships of Salt Lake City, the firm that created the "Intel inside" computer chip campaign.

Literacy students will have a strong role in the new organization; they will be represented on both the national board and the new domestic program board. There will also be a national student advisory group, which will advise the organization's new president.

The two organizations have a national network of 160,000 volunteers and 1,450 local, state, and regional affiliates. They will hold a joint conference in San Diego, May 29–June 1, 2002.

State Librarian joins homeland security committee

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to or attacks on the state. The panel is composed of state and local officials, including the mayors of the major cities, and private citizens.

Holden said the panel "will identify any needs and issues for immediate legislative, funding, policy or procedural action necessary to enhance our ability to prevent or respond to terrorism." "The Security Panel will recommend strategies to reduce gaps in security and prioritize our allocations of federal dollars for homeland security."

Part of the assessment process involves work by seven committees in the areas of health, medical and environment; government operations and facilities; transportation; utilities; critical technologies/first responders; and public awareness and public-private partnerships. The committee will examine specific subject areas and complete a report with observations and recommendations for the Governor.

The committee on which Parker serves will make recommendations about public education and communication. Members will identify means to promote public/private partnerships to enhance safety and security, recommend ways to improve public awareness and to better communicate with the public, and specify steps to enhance cooperation with and effectiveness of the media.

Parker has compiled a report on homeland security and libraries which details both immediate and long-term services libraries and their staffs can provide to those working in homeland security. A synopsis of her report will be published in an upcoming issue of *newsline*.

New "Read for Life" campaign

Scholastic has launched a marketing campaign to promote books as a source of understanding, comfort, and connection.

The "Read for Life" campaign—featuring original artwork by Harry Potter illustrator Mary Grand Pré—is part of an outreach effort by Scholastic in the aftermath of September 11, and it carries the message "Read for Comfort...Read for Closeness...Read for Life" to convey the idea that it is good for parents and kids to read together at all times, but especially in times of stress.

Grand Pré's painting for the campaign shows the Statue of Liberty reading to a circle of children. It has been reproduced as a poster with a resource guide for parents and caregivers on how to teach children ways to cope with life's stresses by using reading and books, along with suggested age-appropriate titles.

Scholastic has distributed 700,000 copies of the poster and guide free of charge to schools, teachers, parents, and booksellers nationwide.

Laura Bush addresses nation's shortage of librarians

First Lady Laura Bush has proposed a \$10 million initiative for 2003 to recruit a new generation of librarians. The initiative is included in President Bush's FY2003 budget. It would be managed by the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS).

Mrs. Bush made the announcement on January 9 at the Topeka and Shawnee County Public Library in Kansas. In announcing the initiative, she said, "In May 2000, *Library Journal* magazine reported 40 percent of America's library directors plan to retire in nine years or less. And, according to the July 2000 *Monthly Labor Review*, in 1998, 57 percent of professional librarians were age 45 or older."

Research scheduled for publication in the March 2002 issue of *American Li-*



braries magazine will show that based on 1990 census data, almost 58 percent of professional librarians will reach the age of 65 between 2005 and 2019. Since 1998, the ALA's Job Placement Center has posted substantially more job openings than job seekers.

Dr. Robert S. Martin, director of the Institute of Museum and Library Services, said, "Recruiting and educating the next generation of librarians is essential. They help parents teach their children before they enter school, they are partners with the schools in their communities, and they help adults continue to achieve and enjoy learning throughout their lifetimes."

Funds will be used to invest in a variety of recruitment efforts such as scholarships and fellowships for master's programs, support for doctoral students who will train the next generation of librarians, leadership development, distance learning for underserved rural areas, and efforts to recruit librarians to serve increasingly diverse communities with diverse language skills.

The ALA estimates there are about 140,460 librarians working in public, school, academic, and special libraries nationwide. At 16,090, there are more public libraries in the U.S. than McDonalds.

Missouri redistricting maps filed with Secretary of State

Post-Census 2000 redistricting of state senate and state representative districts is now complete, and outline maps are available on the Secretary of State's website at <http://www.sos.mo.gov>.

As is also the case with U.S. congressional districts, redistricting of state legislative districts occurs every 10 years after new population counts are released from the decennial census. Population shifts in Missouri between 1990 and 2000 brought significant change in the state's 34 senate districts and 163 state representative districts. Under the new plan, each state senator will represent between 159,100 and 170,302 people. Each state representative will repre-

sent between 33,355 and 35,424 people.

The Missouri Appellate Apportionment Commission filed the new redistricting plan and maps with the Missouri Secretary of State in December 2001. As prescribed by the state constitution, the commission was appointed by the Missouri Supreme Court after bipartisan citizen apportionment commissions failed to reach agreement on the new district lines last September.

The new state legislative districts take effect for primary and general elections in 2002. Candidate filing for election to the new districts begins February 26, 2002.

2002 Books for Children grants

The Libri Foundation is currently accepting applications for its spring and summer 2002 Books for Children grants. The foundation is a nationwide non-profit organization which donates new, quality hardcover children's books to small, rural public libraries throughout the U.S. Since October 1990, the foundation has donated over \$1,500,000 worth of new children's books to more than 1,400 libraries in 47 states.

In order to encourage and reward local support of libraries, The Libri Foundation will match any amount of money raised by a library's local sponsor(s) from \$50 to \$350 on a two-to-one ratio. Thus, a library can receive up to \$1,050 worth of new children's books. After a library receives a grant, local sponsors (such as formal or informal Friends groups, civic or social organizations, local businesses) have four months, or longer if necessary, to raise their matching funds.

Application deadlines are April 1 and August 1. For an application packet, contact McKillip at the foundation, PO Box 10246, Eugene, OR 97440; 541-747-9655 (voice) or 541-747-4348 (fax).

National Library Week
April 14–20, 2002



Guide to women's history resources

American Women: A Library of Congress Guide for the Study of Women's History and Culture in the United States has been published by the Library of Congress in cooperation with University Press of New England.

With 12 chapters, nearly 300 illustrations, and five topical essays, *American Women* is designed to help researchers mine the wealth of information on women in the Library of Congress's unparalleled collections. The five essays, written by area specialists, demonstrate how to conduct interdisciplinary research using the library's 21 reading rooms. Topics include the woman suffrage parade of 1913, the campaign to ratify the Equal Rights Amendment, woman as symbol, women's westward movement to California, and the life and work of Marian MacDowell, founder of the MacDowell Colony for creative artists.

The 456-page guide with 298 illustrations is available for \$35 from the University Press of New England, at major bookstores, and from the Library of Congress Sales Shops (credit card orders: 202-707-0204).



newsline welcomes information for "Missouri Library News" and "Personal Notes" from librarians, library trustees, and others interested in the state's libraries. Send news about library events, projects, awards, and personnel changes to the editor. (See page 2 for contact information.)



Major donations to Carrollton and Carter County libraries

➤ Carrollton Public Library is the recipient of a \$100,000 gift from Keith and Pat Bailey of Tulsa, Oklahoma. The gift will kick off a capital campaign drive for a new library building.

Keith Bailey grew up in Carrollton, and his mother had been a teacher and library board member. The gift was made in memory of his mother. Bailey said, "My mother was active in the library, and her love of literature carried over into our home. We were taught to recognize the importance of reading and to welcome classic works of literature and interesting books as part of our daily routine."

The Carrollton library board has planned for a new 6,000-square-foot building to replace the current 2,480-square-foot library, which was built in the late 1950s. Construction of the new library will begin in this year.

➤ Carter County Library has received a pledge of \$100,000 from an anonymous donor. The gift is intended for a new library headquarters in Van Buren. Library director Shirley Chitwood said the board will develop a fundraising campaign to raise the amount needed for a building to serve the 6,100 county residents.

Libraries host winter reading programs

Several Missouri libraries offer reading incentive programs during the winter for both adults and children, with rewards for the number of books read.

The Cass County Library sponsors "Bridges," a program to encourage adults to get in the habit of reading. To participate in the program, adults read or listen to six books and keep a reading log which they return to the library. Prizes include coupons to county businesses and a mug donated by the library's friends group. Participants also

receive an invitation to a special program to be held in the spring.

Kansas City Public Library's winter reading club asks participants to read four books during a two-month period, and each completed book brings a specific reward such as a free video check-out or a free paperback. With four books read, participants are entered into a grand-prize drawing with prizes including tickets to a Lyric Opera production, lunch for two at André's Confiserie Suisse, and a free Friends of the Library membership. The program will end with a reading party with food, door prizes, and a discussion of books read by participants.

Five branches of St. Louis County Library sponsor a winter reading club for children from kindergarten through sixth grade. This year's theme is "Read Spell-binding Books." Children receive a bookmark and reading log on which they record book titles. When children reach the 15-book goal, they receive a certificate, a bendable wizard figurine, and an invitation to the club's ending party.

Jefferson County Library's Windsor Branch has organized a mother-daughter book club, which is open to eight mothers (or other adults) and eight daughters. Librarian Cindy Strickland started the club after hearing success stories from other librarians. The club's goal is to open up communication between mothers and daughters through book discussion. "It's an opportunity for dialogue at a time when children are kind of separating from their parents and hanging out with their friends," Strickland said. Participants read books on their own and then take part in book discussions at the library.

St. Louis County Library's Extension Services has launched a reading club for people who live in independent and assisted living residences, senior apartment complexes, or are active in senior community centers served by the library's van and bookmobile service. The club's theme is "Swing into Reading," and it has become an extremely popular program, with new residents joining every week, according to

Mary Anne Marjamaa, extension services coordinator at the library. She said most of the participants do not have cars and are not able to visit the library on a regular basis. The senior van and bookmobile service provide a library connection.

Each senior receives a reading log and completes it with 20 titles. The reward is a cloth bag, which many residents use to keep their library materials and hang on a wheel chair or walker. The bags were purchased and donated to the program by local resident Pam Kuehling, a financial advisor for Salomon Smith Barney.

Unique library toy collection goes online

For 10 years, the Springfield-Greene County Library has offered more than 500 toys for check-out, from puppets and heavy-duty wooden puzzles to an array of musical instruments. That special collection is now available on the library's website for browsing, selecting, and placing a hold online.

The toys have been chosen for the pre-reading skills they can give infants, toddlers, and preschoolers. Vera Florea, the library's youth services coordinator, said the toy collection "promotes certain skills, such as eye-hand coordination, that children need to learn before they can read." "Our educational toys enhance these learning concepts," Florea said many of the toys are expensive, and the library's collection helps caregivers provide a variety of learning experiences without the expense. Caregivers also can gauge a child's interest in a particular toy before they purchase it.

To view the toy collection, go to <http://thelibrary.springfield.missouri.org>. Click on KidSpace and then on the toy catalog.

Joplin Public Library celebrates its centennial

An open house and reception at the Joplin Public Library is scheduled for April 14, 2002, to celebrate the library's 100th anniversary. Andrew Carnegie, in the person



Joplin Public Library circulation desk, c. 1906. On the left is Blanche Trigg, who was hired in 1904 as first assistant (at \$20 a month), promoted to head librarian in 1932, and retired in 1949. On the right is Mary B. Stanwick, who was hired in 1904 as the head librarian. Her beginning salary was \$40 a month.

of Dr. Jeffrey Smith, will speak about his philanthropic program to build libraries across the country. The celebration will also feature displays of historical library artifacts and photographs.

The library kicked off its centenary celebration in January by joining with the Langston Hughes Centennial Committee in the dedication at the library of a bronze sculpture of Langston Hughes, a Joplin native. In February, the library will participate in a city-wide, all-day Langston Hughes read-in, with many library trustees and staff reading Hughes's work.

Throughout the year, the library will mount displays of photographs and documents that illustrate the library's history, including a photographic record of the Connor Hotel, which once stood on the site currently occupied by the library.

Library director Carolyn Trout said one of her favorite documents is a clipping noting the retirement of Rose Schweitzer, who worked in the library for 51 years and never missed a day's work. She also mentioned the booklet of library bylaws, printed in 1931, which said that anyone hired by the library had to work for the first six weeks without pay and that employment of married women was forbidden.

More Library News



St. Louis Public Library opens new branch

The St. Louis Public Library held a grand opening and ribbon-cutting ceremony on January 7, 2002, for its new Schlafly



St. Louis Public Library's new Schlafly Branch occupies a prime location in the city's Central West End

Address change for Missouri Center for the Book website

The Missouri Center for the Book has a new, easy-to-remember address:

<http://books.missouri.org>. The site is managed by the Center at the State Library and includes information about Missouri authors, publishers, literary organizations, newspapers, bookstores, and Center activities. It is maintained by staff of COIN, the Columbia Online Information Network, housed at the Daniel Boone Regional Library in Columbia. The website averages 5,000 hits each month.

Branch. The branch is housed on the first floor of the City of St. Louis' new Argyle Parking Building located in the city's Central West End. At over 25,000 square feet, the branch is nearly four times the size of the Lashly Branch, the facility it replaces (more than half a football field could

fit inside the new branch!)

Designated a regional branch, the new location boasts expanded hours, state-of-the-art computers, software, free Internet access, a large community meeting room, a children's story room, a quiet study room, and thousands of new books, CDs, videos, and DVDs.

The branch is named in honor of Daniel and Adelaide Schlafly, well known for their many contributions to the region's cultural institutions including the St. Louis Public Library. It is part of the library's ongoing capital improvement campaign. Funded by a property tax increase approved by St. Louis voters in 1994, the campaign will see major improvements made at every St. Louis Public Library location.

2002 Kate Chopin Literary Award winner

Margot Livesey, author of four novels and a collection of short stories, is the winner of the 2002 Kate Chopin Literary Award for her novel *Eva Moves the Furniture* (Henry Holt, 2001). The award is presented annually by the Kate Chopin Society of North

America and the Kirkwood Public Library to a work of fiction that portrays a female character who, like Kate Chopin's Edna Pontellier, goes beyond the boundaries of cultural expectations to claim a life on her own terms. Livesey will accept her award at a public ceremony and reception at the library on April 6.

Chosen as one of the 10 best fiction books of 2001 by the *Atlantic Monthly*, Livesey's novel tells the story of Eva McEwen, a young girl growing up in Scotland between the two world wars.

Livesey holds a B.A. in literature and philosophy from the University of York in England, and has lived in Europe, North Africa, and Canada as well as the U.S. Her first book, *Learning by Heart*, a collection of short stories, was published in 1986. She has taught in numerous American writing programs including the University of Iowa's Writers' Workshop, the University of California at Irvine, and is currently a writer-in-residence at Emerson College in Boston. She has received grants from the National Endowment for the Arts and the Guggenheim Foundation, and is the author of three other suspense novels: *Homework*, *Criminals*, and *The Missing World*.

Cowboy poets donate books to Missouri libraries

On January 18, 2002, a team of Missouri mules pulling a chuckwagon traveled two blocks from the State Capitol to the Missouri State Information Center for a special event coordinated by the Missouri Cowboy Poets Association. Inside the chuck wagon were more than 170 copies of Missouri Cowboy Poetry, a new book published by the association and funded by Ameren UE.

Representatives of the association, dressed like cattle drivers, presented the books to the State Library for distribution to all public libraries in the state. Barbara Reading, director of the Library Development Division, accepted the books on behalf of Secretary of State Matt Blunt and the State Library.

Cowboy poetry is written in rhyming, metered verse and celebrates the natural beauty and history of the state. By presenting these types of writings to the public, the association hopes to meet its goal of “promoting and preserving the cowboy way of life.”

The association considers the book a “tribute to Missouri’s history and those who have contributed so much to the development of America.” The writings are dedicated to family entertainment and reflect the spirit of the rural lifestyle.

Founded in 1996, the Missouri Cowboy Poets Association is dedicated to preserving the heritage of the West and Missouri’s role in shaping it. In addition to poets, the group includes songwriters, singers, humorists, reciters, musicians, and storytellers.

For more information, write to the association at PO Box 185, Verona, MO 65769, or call 417-498-6865. For a sampling of work from Missouri’s cowboy poets, go to <http://folkarts.missouri.org/poetry.htm>.



Copies of the new book *Missouri Cowboy Poetry* filled this chuckwagon on its way to the State Library.

Two Missourians honored

ALA announces children’s literature awards

Missouri authors Patricia McKissack and Jan Greenberg, both of St. Louis, received honors for their work during the American Library Association midwinter meeting in

January. McKissack wrote the text for *Goin’ Someplace Special*, which won the 2002 Coretta Scott King award for illustration. Greenberg edited *Heart to Heart*, which won a Printz Honor Book award.

Linda Sue Park, author of *A Single Shard*, and David Wiesner, illustrator and author of *The Three Pigs*, are the 2002 winners of the John Newbery and Randolph Caldecott Medals, the most prestigious awards in children’s literature. Considered the “Academy Awards” of children’s book publishing, the Newbery and Caldecott Medals honor outstanding writing and illustration of works published in the U.S. during the previous year.

Everything on a Waffle by Polly Horvath and *Carver: A Life in Poems* by Marilyn Nelson were named Newbery Honor Books.

Three Caldecott Honor Books were also named: *Martin’s Big Words: The Life of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.*, illustrated by Bryan Collier and written by Doreen Rappaport; *The Dinosaurs of Waterhouse Hawkins*, illustrated by Brian Selznick and written by Barbara Kerley, and *The Stray Dog* by Marc Simont.

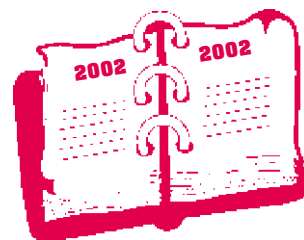
Mildred D. Taylor, author of *The Land*, and Jerry Pinkney, illustrator of *Goin’ Someplace Special* are the 2002 winners of the Coretta Scott King Awards honoring African-American authors and illustrators of outstanding books for children and young adults. *Goin’ Someplace Special* tells McKissack’s own story of growing up in Nashville.

King Author Honor Books are *Money Hungry* by Sharon G. Flake and *Carver: A Life in Poems* by Marilyn Nelson. *Martin’s Big Words* (noted above) was named a King Illustrator Honor Book.

An Na is the winner of the Michael L. Printz Award for excellence in literature for young adults for his book *A Step from Heaven*.

Printz Honor Books include *Heart to Heart: New Poems Inspired by Twentieth-Century American Art* edited by Jan Greenberg; *Freewill* by Chris Lynch; *The Rope-maker* by Peter Dickinson; and *True Believer* by Virginia Euwer Wolff.

Upcoming Events



March 20
Poetry in Missouri Public Libraries Conference
Columbia

April—National Poetry Month, School Library Media Month

April 2
International Children’s Book Day

April 10-12
Literacy Leap II
Lake Ozark

April 14-16
Missouri Association of School Librarians Spring Conference
Osage Beach

April 14-20
National Library Week

April 15-21
Young People’s Poetry Week

April 20
Friends of Wolfner Library Annual Meeting
Jefferson City

April 23
World Book & Copyright Day

Library program ideas

Throughout the year, Missouri public libraries sponsor an endlessly varied menu of programs for adults in their communities. Here are some of the latest from libraries across the state:

Jurassic Journeys

Native American Flute

Ten-Year Count: Census Research

Credit 101

Lewis & Clark and the Corps of Discovery

Massage Techniques for Relaxation

Balloon Fun

Basic Scrapbooking

Hidden Messages of Color

I Want to be a Police Officer

Chinese Opera Masks

Chocolate Festival

Small Business Consultations

Tea for Your Health

Candle Making Workshop

A Hands-on Look at China

Cookie of the Month Club

The Best Nest—A Bird's Got to Have a Home

Survey identifies literacy activities in Missouri public libraries

Although many library programs and almost all library services have some connections to literacy, the State Library's 2001 library literacy survey sought to identify and collect information about activities that represent intentional literacy programs; that is, efforts which have improving the English literacy of participants as their primary goal.

Survey responses came from 98 library buildings; some were branches and some were municipal or county libraries without branches. These 98 libraries comprise over a fourth of the approximately 380 public library buildings in Missouri. The State Library asked branches to respond individually, because services within a system often vary from branch to branch depending on the neighborhood or community the branch is serving. The responses represented 41% of state aid-certified library systems. Key findings include:

- 94% of the respondents indicated literacy-related groups sometimes use their facilities.
- 86% report having materials at low reading levels suitable for some part of their patron community.
- 86% own books on tape and tapes that would be useful to low-level readers.
- 72% make referrals to literacy programs and resources in their locales.
- 58% are involved in collaborations with literacy-related community groups.
- 46% report having specific new reader collections for adults.

The survey found that activities to help children develop adequate reading skills were the dominant literacy programming activity in libraries. In terms of literacy, the best case scenario is for children to leave elementary school with age-appropriate (also called grade level) reading skills, thus reducing or eliminating the need for adult literacy programs. This goal seems to be a

natural fit with library programming, and some respondents used the comments section to point out the wealth of available materials to help with literacy-related children's programs.

In answer to the question "What would help you increase your literacy efforts?", the most frequent response was "staff," closely followed by "money." The need for money to hire staff or free up staff time is evident, so funding is realistically indicated as the top need. Other respondents noted the need for training and for books or other materials, needs that are also related to funding.

Some respondents said their facilities were not adequate for or conducive to literacy activities. Some also said that their "plates were full" and literacy services were not likely to be added without a drastic change in the situation.

The "additional comments" section of the survey highlighted issues that affect all library literacy efforts. Several respondents pointed out they had once had larger literacy programs but as other community entities picked up similar literacy services, the library shifted more to a support role. Others pointed out that in their communities, local literacy providers were not open to collaboration, and neither competition nor duplication seemed helpful. The high loss of GED books and specific literacy materials was mentioned along with the general unattractiveness and low circulation rates of new reader adult collections. The need to expand services for non-English-proficient community members was mentioned as a literacy issue, and services for homeschool families were also mentioned as a literacy connection for children and young people.

The 2001 survey findings are consistent with anecdotal reports and previous survey results gathered by the State Library. Questions about the survey should be directed to Karen Jones, the State Library's literacy consultant, at 800-325-0131, ext. 11.

Booklist's Top of the List

Booklist magazine, the review journal of the American Library Association, recently announced its 11th annual Top of the List winners. The eight winning titles were chosen from the annual Editors' Choice selections as the best books and media of 2001. (The complete Editors' Choice lists for adult books, adult books for young adults, books for youth, reference sources, and media are featured in the combined January 1 and 15, 2002 issue of *Booklist*.)

The 2001 *Booklist* Top of the List winners are:

- * Adult fiction: *The Corrections* by Jonathan Franzen (Farrar)
- * Adult nonfiction: *John Adams* by David

McCullough (Simon & Schuster)

- * Youth fiction: *The Other Side of Truth* by Beverly Naidoo (HarperCollins)
- * Youth nonfiction: *Heart to Heart: New Poems Inspired by Twentieth-Century American Art*, edited by Jan Greenberg (Abrams)
- * Youth picture book: *My Car*, written and illustrated by Byron Barton (Greenwillow)
- * Reference source: *New Grove Dictionary of Music and Musicians*, edited by Stanley Sadie and John Tyrrell (Grove's)
- * Adult video: "Abraham and Mary Lincoln: A House Divided" (PBS)
- * Youth video: "The Old Man and the Sea" (Direct Cinema)

Individual copies of the Editors' Choice issue may be purchased for \$6 (prepaid) by writing to *Booklist* Back Issues, 50 E. Huron St., Chicago, IL 60611.

Growth in Hispanic population affects Missouri library service

Over 118,592 Missourians who were counted in the most recent census reported an ethnic background of Hispanic or Latino. Of that number, 77,887 selected Mexican as a subcategory, while 40,705 selected Puerto Rico, Cuban, or other as subcategories.

McDonald County Library in southwest Missouri has the highest percentage of Hispanic residents of any county library district in Missouri. Nearly one-tenth of the district's residents (9.4%) selected Hispanic or Latino on the 2000 census form.

Sullivan County Library in north-central Missouri ranks second, with 8.8% of the district's population now Hispanic or Latino.

Susan O'Connor, Sullivan County Library director, is pleased the Hispanic population in her county often use the public computers in her library. "All ages—younger and older Hispanic patrons—are using our computers," O'Connor said.

Jackson County has the highest number of Hispanic residents in the state, with a population of 35,160. The majority of these residents use facilities of the Kansas City Public Library, especially the new Irene H. Ruiz Biblioteca de las Americas.

	Median age for total pop.	Median age for Hispanic pop.
Missouri	36.1	24.5
Jackson County	35.2	25.4
McDonald County	34.3	22.8
Sullivan County	38.9	25.1

GPO publishes Stat Abstract 2001

Nearly 110 million people in the U.S. used a cellular telephone in 2000 compared with about five million subscribers in 1990, according to the recently released *Statistical Abstract of the United States*.

The *Statistical Abstract*, published every year since 1878, features new tables with data from Census 2000 and revised economic census tables that use the new North American Industry Classification System categories. The new edition has more than 1,400 tables and charts with statistics from the most recent year or period available.

The 2001 *Abstract* is available from the U.S. Government Printing Office (ISBN 003-024-08863-1, \$38 for the softbound edition and 003-024-08864-9, \$48 for the hardbound edition) by calling 800-553-6847.

